



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL**

1301 CONSTITUTION AVE, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20004

**CASE #:** OI-AR-2013-CAC-0072

**CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** COMPROMISE OF OECA COLD FUSION SERVER

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	RTP	

**ALLEGATIONS:** On February 8, 2013, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Electronic Crimes Division (ECD), was notified by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA Computer Security Incident Response Center (CSIRC), Research Triangle Park (RTP), NC, of a compromised server managed, maintained, and sponsored by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported CSIRC was notified by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who was notified by the FBI (NFI) that [www.fedcenter.gov](http://www.fedcenter.gov) had potentially been compromised.

**Agent's Comment:** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has a contract with EPA OECA to manage the server.

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS/DISPOSITION:** On February 21, 2013, open source reporting indicated members from the hacktivist group "Anonymous" claimed responsibility for the compromise. Anonymous claimed to have launched a distributed denial-of-service (DDoS) attack against the website, thus rendering the site inoperable.

On April 1, 2013, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) coordinated with SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC), Computer Crimes Investigations Unit (CCIU), Quantico, VA, regarding the compromise of the EPA server. Based on the coordination, it was determined the individuals responsible for the DDoS attack against [www.fedcenter.gov](http://www.fedcenter.gov) were the same individuals responsible for similar attacks being investigated by CCIU along with the Defense Criminal Investigative Service (DCIS), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) OIG, and the FBI.

**CASE:**

OI-AR-2013-CAC-0072

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**

**DRAFTED DATE:**

August 26, 2019

**AGENT(S):**

SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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On October 23, 2013, a Grand Jury in the District of New Jersey indicted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) on one count of Conspiracy to Defraud the United States and on one count of fraud and related activity in connection with computers in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 and 1030 respectively.

On October 25, 2013, law enforcement authorities in the United Kingdom, announced they arrested (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) who had be charged in New Jersey by federal complaint. Further, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was also charged in a criminal complaint in the Eastern District of Virginia with alleged conduct related to other intrusions.

On February 5, 2018, USACIDC CCIU was notified by the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) that (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) will not be extradited to the U.S. on charges related to hacking into government computers.

This case is being closed with no further action.

**CASE:**  
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**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**

**DRAFTED DATE:**  
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SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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61 FORSYTH STREET, SW  
ATLANTA, GA 30303

**CASE #:** OI-AT-2019-ADM-0007

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** COMP-2019-7

**TITLE:** CONCEALMENT OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES AT THE OLD GUN CLUB ROAD  
LANDFILL BY CITY OF ATLANTA OFFICIALS

**INTERVIEWEE:** *(if applicable):* N/A

**PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY**  
**FINAL SUMMARY REPORT**

**COMPLAINT:** On September 19, 2018, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) alleged the City of Atlanta operated an illegal landfill adjacent to (b) (6) property from 1968 to 1974. (b) (6) said the city has continued dumping debris on private property in the area, which it has refused to remove. (b) (6) also said city officials are corruptly attempting to use imminent domain to take (b) (6) property to conceal the existence of the landfill.

**BACKGROUND:** On September 19, 2018, SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) interviewed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) regarding a report of alleged illegal dumping and possible corruption by the City of Atlanta. During the interview, (b) (6) essentially stated City of Atlanta workers were dumping trash on (b) (6) and others property, located outside the permitted area adjacent to the Gun Club Road Landfill. (b) (6) also indicated (b) (6) believes leeching from the unpermitted area was responsible for significant contamination in Proctor Creek. (b) (6) said (b) (6) has reported the incidents to both the City of Atlanta and the Georgia Environmental Division (EPD), both of which have refused to acknowledge the problem or take corrective actions. (b) (6) opined publicity of the dumping and subsequent leeching of contaminants would hamper the city's redevelopment efforts and suggested a "cover-up" by the city and EPD. (b) (6) also stated the EPA has funded assessments in the immediate area using a Brownfield Grant.

**CASE:**  
OI-AT-2019-ADM-0007

**INTERVIEWEE:** N/A

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**  
Various

**DRAFTED DATE:**  
02/08/2019

**AGENT:**  
SA  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) contacted (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) EPA, Region 4, who located Brownfield Grant (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) performed a review of the grant and interviewed the (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) stated no sites adjacent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) property received a Brownfield assessment during the project. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) initially stated the City of Atlanta denied access to sites adjacent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) property, but later clarified the city failed to respond to a request to access city parks for a infrastructure viability study. SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) found no projects on or adjacent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) property that were funded by the EPA.

SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) conducted multiple interviews with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) and reviewed documents (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) provided as proof of the alleged corruption. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) owns multiple properties in the area, one of which is located between the unpermitted dumping area and a closed landfill. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believes if the city takes (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) property, they will be able to cover up the unpermitted landfill and related contamination forever. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) is also concerned about health risks to the citizens in the area and the contamination to nearby Proctor Creek. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) believes the city is concealing the contamination as it would have a negative effect on nearby property values slow development. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has active litigation against the city and is seeking compensation for the long-term dumping that has resulted in a loss of value for (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) land. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) also provided evidence of the existence of the unpermitted landfill, which the city denies.

**RECOMMENDATION:** During multiple contacts with (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) made accusations of corruption and wrongdoing against “city officials” but could not provide a specific name or a specific act (bribery, kickback, etc) occurring due to the alleged cover-up. Also, no EPA funds were found to be expended in areas on or adjacent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) property. There was no evidence to indicate that a crime occurred, so this investigation was not presented to the United States Department of Justice. No further investigative activities remain, and it is recommended this investigation be closed.

**CASE:**  
OI-AT-2019-ADM-0007

**INTERVIEWEE:** N/A

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**  
Various

**DRAFTED DATE:**  
02/08/2019

**AGENT:**  
SA  
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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1650 ARCH STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19103

**DATE:** November 27, 2019

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2016-CFR-0068

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** COMP-2016-71

**TITLE:** Unknown Subject: Alleged Procurement Integrity Act Violation, Office of Air and Radiation

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown Subject	Research Triangle Park, NC	
Unknown Subject	Washington, DC	

**POTENTIAL VIOLATION:**

1. 41 U.S. Code § 2102 (formerly 41 U.S.C. Section 423) - Prohibitions on disclosing and obtaining procurement information

**ALLEGATION:**

On April 15, 2016, the Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations, Research Triangle Park (RTP), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), RTP, NC received a complaint alleging a potential Procurement Integrity Act violation concerning EPA Contract EP-D-16-009. The contract was awarded to Trinity Engineering Associates, Inc. (Trinity), Cincinnati, OH. The losing bidder was SC&A, Inc. (SC&A), Reston, VA. SC&A filed a protest of this contract award with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) citing, amongst other things, a potential organizational conflict of interest (OCI). In Trinity's rebuttal, they indicated that SC&A possessed Trinity's proprietary information from their proposal. This investigation was opened to determine whether any of Trinity's proprietary information was provided to SC&A by EPA.

**FINDINGS:**

OI conducted interviews of personnel on the contract's technical evaluation panel (TEP) and of the contracting officer (CO). OI also conducted records reviews and email reviews. The interviews and other reviews did not yield sufficient information to suggest Trinity's proprietary information was provided to SC&A by any EPA personnel.

During OI's interview of the EPA CO, it was determined that contract EP-D-16-009 was subsequently cancelled due to various issues to include the GAO protest and the potential OCI. As such, the contract was to be resolicited. It was further learned that one of the original TEP members,

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(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) now retired, had once informed the CO that (b) (6) had commented to someone with SC&A that (b) (6) did not vote for Trinity.

**DISPOSITION:** Inconclusive; Closed

Sufficient information was not developed to suggest a violation of 41 U.S.C. § 2102 had occurred; therefore, this investigation was not presented for criminal prosecution. Based on the following: (1) EPA's Office of Acquisition Management cancelled the contract award due to various issues to include the GAO protest and potential OCI, (2) the EPA contracting office is fully aware of (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) comment to SC&A, and (3) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) has since retired from the EPA, it is believed that continued investigation would not be cost effective nor in the best interests of the government. As such this investigation is closed in this office.



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**DATE:** March 14, 2019

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0039

**CROSS REFERENCE**

**TITLE:** Allegation of Inappropriate Lobbying

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
NA	Washington, DC	

**VIOLATIONS:**

31 U.S.C. § 1341 – Antideficiency Act

Public Law 115-31 – Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017

**ALLEGATION:**

On September 26, 2017, the Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives requested that the EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG) “develop a comprehensive factual record for instances where possible violations of the Antideficiency Act and the publicity or propaganda and anti-lobbying provisions of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CSA) of 2017, may have occurred, during an April 2017 meeting between former Administrator Scott Pruitt and the National Mining Association.”

**FINDINGS:**

The OIG’s Office of Investigations conducted seven interviews with members of the National Mining Association and five interviews with EPA personnel who attended the April 2017 meeting. As the purpose of this inquiry was to develop a factual record of said meeting, on March 1, 2019, a written account of the information collected was sent to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, U.S. House of Representatives.

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**DISPOSITION:**

This was a fact-finding matter. The matter was completed and the appropriate documents provided to Congress. No further action is required. As such, this matter is being closed.





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**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-CCR-0090

**CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** ALLEGED SPOOFING/PHISHING ATTACK AGAINST EPA NETWORK

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**  
**OTHER**

**NARRATIVE:**

On Friday, April 20, 2018, Special Agent (SA) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigation (OI), Electronic Crimes Division (ECD) received a hotline complaint alleging an attempted phishing attack against EPA networks. Specifically, an email was sent to multiple EPA users from what appeared to be a legitimate business source. However, the organization from which the email appeared to originate, had been compromised, thus infecting the end user's computer who accessed the email.

On April 26, 2018, ECD received a status update which explained the vulnerability and remediation process. Specifically, a vulnerability within Office365 suite existed which allowed Simple Mail Transfer Protocol (SMTP) style fax system emails to be sent out as scanned fax or listserv. The received email appears authenticated but is not Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) compliant. At the time of the incident, the pathway was shutdown. Subsequently, Microsoft remediated the Office 365 vulnerability.

This case is being closed with no further action.

**CASE:**

OI-HQ-2018-CCR-0090

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**

**DRAFTED DATE:**

August 19, 2019

**AGENT(S):**

SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2018-THT-0037

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** GENERAL THREAT CASE FOR 2018

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):** N/A

**PREPARED BY:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), SPECIAL AGENT

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY**  
Case Closing Report

**NARRATIVE:** On January 29, 2019, Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] Office of Professional Responsibility (OPR), Office of Investigations (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency, directed Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] OI, OIG, EPA, to close the General Threat Case File for 2018.

SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted] was directed by Patrick Sullivan (AIGI Sullivan), Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, OI, OIG, EPA, to create the General Threat Case File for 2018, and to enclose all instances of concern or unusual direction interests which, do not merit full investigatory action.

The entities entered into this General Case File will be memorialized for historical purposes. If new information about a potential entity becomes available, or should the OIG assess a need, the OIG reserves the ability to investigate accordingly.

**CASE:** OI-HQ-2018-THT-0037

**INTERVIEWEE (if applicable):** N/A

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**  
1/29/2019

**DRAFTED DATE:** 1/29/2019

**AGENT(S):**  
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) [redacted]

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**DATE:** December 10, 2019

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2019-AFD-0106

**CROSS REFERENCE**

**TITLE** Unknown Subject: Allegation of Public Corruption at the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, USVI

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

<b>Subject(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Other Data</b>
Unknown	Washington, DC	

**VIOLATIONS:** 18 U.S.C § 666 – Theft or bribery concerning programs receiving Federal funds  
18 U.S.C § 1001 – Statements or entries generally

**ALLEGATION:** On August 21, 2019, the Washington Field Office (WFO), Office of Investigation (OI), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) initiated an investigation pursuant to information received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) concerning possible public corruption at the Department of Planning and Natural Resources (DPNR), U.S. Virgin Island. Based on the information provided by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) informed (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) about possible kickbacks and other considerations being provided to DPNR officials related to properties owned by the now deceased Jeffrey Epstein (Epstein). Epstein allegedly engaged in illegal construction on Great St. James island and used his wealth to pay fines and negotiate settlements that allowed him to avoid harsher penalties for similar environmental violations on Little St. James for nearly 20 years.

**FINDINGS:** The results of the investigation did not reveal evidence of public corruption at DPNR. Concerning the allegation of illegal construction, on October 19, 2019, pursuant to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, the EPA Caribbean Environmental Protection Division, Region 2, conducted a joint EPA/DPNR National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Inspection on Great St. James Island; among other findings, the results of the inspection revealed evidence of property development without permit. The EPA transmitted a copy of the inspection report to DPNR for appropriate enforcement action.

**DISPOSITION:** No further investigative action is warranted. This investigation is hereby closed.

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**DATE:** FEBRUARY 19, 2020

**PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2020-CCR-0015

**CROSS REFERENCE #:** N/A

**TITLE:** UNKNOWN SUBJECT: EMAIL SCAM OF EPA-ORD EMPLOYEE

**CASE CLOSING REPORT**

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
Unknown	Research Triangle Park	N/A

**VIOLATION(S):** Phishing, Scam of EPA Employee

**ALLEGATIONS:** (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Research and Development, Environmental Protection Agency, was the victim of a phishing scheme in which (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was scammed out of \$400 dollars of Amazon gift cards by a scam sent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) official EPA email account. The \$400 dollars in Amazon gift cards were purchased by (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) using (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) personal funds.

**FINDINGS:** Supported. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was scammed out of \$400 dollars in gift cards by a scam sent to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) official EPA email account. Attempts to identify the subject(s) and trace the gift cards met with negative results. No threats or vulnerabilities were identified within the EPA system and (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) did not believe (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) was targeted due to (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) position/employment at the EPA. There is no loss to the EPA.

**DISPOSITION:** This matter was reported to Amazon and to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

**CASE #:** OI-HQ-2020-CCR-0027

**CROSS REFERENCE #:**

**TITLE:** DIGITAL THREAT SENT TO SUPERFUND WEBSITE

**MEMORANDUM OF ACTIVITY**

Case Closing Report

**NARRATIVE:**

The Computer Security Incident Response Capability (CSIRC) team notified that Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), of a threatening message sent through the comment box (Contact Us page) for the EPA Superfund website.

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation, EPA, received an email (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) considered a “generic threat” which appeared to be spam. (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) reported the incident to the EPA service desk who reported it to CSIRC. CSIRC opened an investigation and determined the email was spam and not malicious as the links in the email were not valid.

This investigation is being closed as CSIRC determined the email was not malicious. A review of the email header information by the reporting agent revealed limited information and no threats or vulnerabilities to the EPA network have been identified.

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**CASE:**  
OI-HQ-2020-CCR-0027

**DATE OF ACTIVITY:**  
December 20, 2019

**DRAFT DATE:**  
October 20, 2019

**PREPARED BY:**  
SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

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75 Hawthorne Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94105

DATE: June 26, 2019

PREPARED BY: SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-SA-2015-CFR-0123

CROSS REFERENCE #:

TITLE: GUAM EPA: SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS

CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Barrigada, Guam	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C) Guam EPA

**VIOLATION:** 18 U.S.C. § 201: Bribery of Public Officials and Witnesses

**ALLEGATION:** On April 8, 2015, this office received information via the EPA OIG Hotline regarding allegations of fraud involving Guam Environmental Protection Agency (GEPA). According to the information received, GEPA has been entering into settlement agreements and accepting Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEP) that may be in violation of local and/or federal laws. GEPA receives approximately \$3 million in grant funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency annually.

**FINDINGS:** The results of the investigation did not support the allegation. Interviews with several GEPA staff involved in the process (inspection, notice of violation and settlement agreements) all agreed the standard for negotiating a Notice of Violation (NOV) was based on a matrix that would identify the proper penalty based on the violation(s); however, this all changed when (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) took over as (b) (6), (b) (7)(C). (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would take the maximum penalty for the violation and cut it in half. Further, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) would have negotiation meetings with the violators and in many cases lower the fines or dismiss them altogether (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5). A review of the GEPA NOV Policy and Procedure and SEP Policy confirmed this belief.

The policy, Resolution number 02-06, was adopted by the GEPA Board of Directors on February 15, 2006 and stated:

*The Guidance for Discretion section stated, "The ultimate decision regarding the settlement of an administrative enforcement case rests with the sound discretion of the Guam EPA Administrator. This Policy on Supplemental Environmental Projects ("Policy") and its procedures are intended solely to provide guidance to Guam EPA*

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*employees. They are intended to, nor do they constitute rulemaking. They may not be relied upon to create a right or a benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, by any person. The Guam EPA may take an action that is at variance with this Policy if the Administrator finds such variances appropriate in a specific case.”*

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5)



**DISPOSITION:** Due to the lack of any evidence to support the allegation, this case was not presented to the United States Attorney’s Office for prosecution consideration. No further investigative activity is warranted. This case is closed.